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SOURCE:

Bukittinggi

1. In Bukittinggi, the Masjumi is the strongest party, with the Partai Sosialis Indonesia (PSI) next in strength. There is little overt Partai Komunis Indonesia (PKI) activity, although the office of the PKI Central Committee (CCPKI) for Central Sumatra is in Bukittinggi.
2. Arief, the strongly anti-Communist chief of the Dinas Pengawasan Keselamatan Negara (DPKN) (National Police Security Service), also has his office in Bukittinggi.
3. The ABKB, a member of the Sarekat Buruh Kendaraan Bermotor (SBKB) (Union of Motor Vehicle Workers), is active in Bukittinggi but the majority of drivers own their own cars and the union does not follow the usual line of the Sentral Organisasi Buruh Seluruh Indonesia (SOBSI), with which the SBKB is affiliated.
4. PHAM Buong Dhai, a member of the Communist Party of Indochina, is in Bukittinggi and acts as an adviser to the PKI there. He has no permanent residence and works as a free-lance photographer.

Padang

5. The Chinese in Padang are largely Hakkas, with well-run societies which do not cooperate closely with each other. About two-thirds of the community is pro-Communist and attendance in the pro-Communist schools numbers over 1,000. The two Communist schools are the Heng Reng School and the Chung Hua School.

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6. Djamhur,¹ general secretary of the Padang SOBSI, and Hamid,² secretary of the Padang PKI, feel that the Masjumi has a strong religious appeal in the area and is able to disseminate its own propaganda through the church. SOBSI's Headquarters is at Djalan Hatta No. 42, and the PKI's at Djalan Udjung Kampung Djawa. The combined membership of the PKI, SOBSI, and the Pemuda Rakjat is estimated at over 1,500.
7. Two other Chinese organizations in Padang are the Chung Hua Tsung Hui, which is pro-Kuomintang, and the Chung Hua Siang Hui, which is strongly anti-Communist.

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[] Comments.

- 25X1A 1. [] reported that in November 1951 Djamhur was a member of the Komisariat of the Padang PKI and the second secretary and agit/prop officer of the Padang SOBSI.
2. Hamid was listed in []^{25X1A}, November 1951, as the deputy secretary general of the CCPKI Central Sumatra in Bukittinggi and a member of the Trade Information Section of the Indonesian Department of Economic Affairs, Padang. He appeared also as general secretary of the Padang PKI and general secretary of the Padang SOBSI.

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